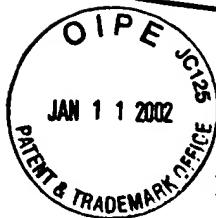


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Sir:

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicant does not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicant reserves the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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Applicant requests that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b), and no fee is required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that a fee is due or that any overpayment has been made, it is requested that the sum be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0217.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record.

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